

**NEW YEAR'S MESSAGE
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Dear comrades!

Today, the Korean people are seeing out 1962, a year of brilliant victory in the socialist construction of the country, and ushering in the new year—1963—with great hope and confidence, looking ahead to a happier and brighter tomorrow.

Ring in the New Year, I, in the name of the Central Committee of the Korean Workers' Party and the Government of the Republic, extend warm congratulations and greetings to you and the entire Korean people.

Last year we, amid the high enthusiasm of the entire working people, victoriously carried out the elections of deputies to the Third Supreme People's Assembly of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and registered great successes in all spheres of socialist construction.

Our Party and people set forth vast tasks for the conquest of the Six Heights and waged a heroic struggle in all branches of the national economy. Our working people who rose up in response to the militant call of the Party carried out with credit the militant tasks set forth by the Party by displaying unexampled patriotic devotion and creative activeness for the prosperity of the fatherland and the happiness of the people.

The peasants of our cooperative farms, with the active support and assistance of the entire people, overcame one severe natural calamity after the other and again reaped a big, bumper harvest, thereby fulfilling with flying colors the militant task of scaling the height of five million tons of grain.

It is an unprecedented thing for any natural calamity to be successfully overcome and a big, bumper crop reaped every year in agriculture. This is a victory of the agricultural policy of our Party and a brilliant fruit of the heroic struggle of our entire peasants.

I extend hearty greetings and gratitude to our hard-working and faithful cooperative farm peasants and state farm workers who made brilliant labour exploits in the struggle for conquering the height of five million tons of grain.

The enormous target for capturing the height of 250 million metres of fabrics has also been beaten successfully thanks to the devoted struggle of the workers and technicians in the domain of textile industry.

This means that our textile output last year grew 138 per cent compared with the previous year and 20 times compared with prewar 1949.

I extend warm greetings and thanks to the workers and technicians in the realm of textile industry who honorably carried out the militant tasks set by the Party in textile production and to the entire light industrial workers who recorded great successes in the production of mass consumption goods.

Our fishery workers, displaying all creativeness and mass heroism, overcame the very unfavourable oceanic conditions last year and occupied the height of 800,000 tons of marine products already in the middle of December and produced 840,000 tons of marine products by the end of the year.

I extend fervent greetings and thanks to the entire fishery workers who courageously beat back all difficulties and scaled the height of marine products by displaying unbending fighting spirit.

Enormous success has been made also in the struggle for conquering the height of houses for 200,000 families thanks to the devoted struggle of our constructors and the nation-wide support and assistance. Out of the urban and rural dwelling houses for a total of more than 244,000 families, whose construction had been undertaken by the end of the year, those for over 180,000 families have already been completed and provided to the working people and those

for 23,700 families and more are in the finishing stage.

Thus, today large numbers of working people in towns and villages are joyously celebrating the New Year in new, modern houses.

I extend warm greetings and gratitude to our entire constructors who won brilliant victory in the struggle for conquering the height of housing construction.

A giant stride ahead was made in the domain of our heavy industry as well. The ferrous metal industry put out last year more than 1,200,000 tons of pig iron and granulated iron and, though the steel production fell slightly short of the goal, we registered enormous success by boosting it by 36 per cent compared with the previous year.

I extend hearty greetings and gratitude to the entire workers and technicians in the sphere of iron and steel production who made tremendous labour exploits through their heroic struggle.

Coal industry could not reach the production goal owing to the unprecedentedly long spell of rain, but coal output went up to 111 per cent in comparison with the previous year thanks to the courageous struggle of the workers in this domain.

I extend warm greetings and gratitude to the entire workers and technicians in the branch of coal industry who kept up an indomitable struggle, pulling through difficulties and obstacles of all descriptions.

All the domains of the national economy have developed rapidly through the struggle for conquering the Six Heights. According to preliminary results, industrial output last year climbed to 120 per cent compared with 1961. Light industrial bases have been further strengthened and the material and technical foundation of the rural economy has been consolidated still more. Signal successes have been made also in education, science and public health, and literature and arts have blossomed brilliantly.

The brilliant achievements we made last year in the conquest of the Six Heights and the overall development of the national economy are a highly important wherewithal for successfully fulfilling the Seven-Year Plan and occupying the high eminence of socialism. Now we are able to solve the clothing, food and housing question of the

people more satisfactorily and we have opened a firm prospect for effecting a big change-over in enhancing the people's living within the coming two or three years. Our working people have accumulated more precious experiences in the construction of the socialist economy and further deepened our confidence in victory.

We can say today with confidence that we have already won a decisive victory in the fulfilment of the tasks for the first half of the Seven-Year Plan.

Now the entire people are united around our Party closer than ever before and they all continue to forge ahead vigorously toward the high eminence of socialism with surging spirit, enjoying a new, happy and worthy socialist life.

Ushering in the New Year, I extend wholehearted thanks and greetings to our workers, peasants, technicians, office employees, scientists, men of education and public health, writers, artists and the entire people who actively supported and assisted the struggle for conquering the Six Heights and made brilliant exploits in all the domains of socialist construction.

And I extend warm greetings and gratitude to the valiant officers and men of the People's Army and guardsmen, public security members and worker-peasant red guardsmen who are guarding the happy life and peaceful labour of our people and firmly defending our prospering socialist fatherland.

Comrades!

The compatriots in South Korea under the occupation of the U.S. imperialists are seeing in the New Year amidst harsh suppression, national humiliation and unbearable hardships of living.

The U.S. imperialists and the military fascist clique, their stooges, are scheming more virulently to maintain continuously the U.S. colonial rule in South Korea and are resorting to all sorts of sinister intrigues to bring in even the Japanese militarist aggressive forces.

The entire people in North and South Korea, pooling their strength, will wage an ever stauncher struggle against the U.S. imperialist aggressors and the Japanese militarist forces which are out to invade our country again and will completely drive the foreign aggressive forces from our soil and

certainly achieve the peaceful unification of the fatherland.

I extend fervent, fraternal encouragement and support to the South Korean compatriots fighting against the U.S. imperialists and their henchmen and for democratic freedom, right to existence and the peaceful unification of the fatherland and wish them greater victory in their struggle in the new year.

I extend warm congratulations and greetings to the 600,000 compatriots in Japan who achieved a brilliant victory in the struggle for the fulfilment of the six major tasks under the guidance of the General Association of Koreans in Japan and wish them new, greater victory in their struggle for democratic, national rights and the peaceful unification of the fatherland.

Today the general international situation is developing in favour of our revolutionary cause. The might of the socialist camp has grown all the more and the forces of socialism and peace are prevailing over the forces of imperialism and war on the international arena.

Driven to the last ditch, the U.S. imperialists are trying hard to find a way out through aggression and war and are keying up tension everywhere in the world.

The Korean people, in firm unity with all the anti-imperialist forces in Asia and the world, will continue to fight resolutely against the aggressive policy and war provocation manoeuvres of the imperialists headed by the U.S. imperialists.

What is most important of all in opposing imperialism and achieving the victory of the cause of peace and socialism is to strengthen the unity of the socialist camp.

We will exert all efforts to defend the unity of the socialist camp and strengthen the solidarity of the international communist movement and will fight determinedly against any act of undermining this unity and solidarity.

In the name of the entire Korean people, I extend heartfelt thanks to the peoples of the fraternal socialist countries and the progressive peoples the world over who always support and encourage the just struggle of our people and wish them greater success in their struggle for peace and socialism in the new year.

I extend, in the name of the entire Korean

people, fervent encouragement and militant greetings to the heroic Cuban people who are waging a determined fight against the aggression of U.S. imperialism and for the defence of the sovereignty of the country and the gains of the revolution, holding aloft the banner of revolution under the seasoned leadership of Prime Minister Fidel Castro.

I also extend warm encouragement to the entire oppressed nations and the exploited peoples of the world who are fighting for freedom and liberation and wish them new victory in their struggle in the new year.

Dear comrades!

Ushering in the new year, all our people are filled with the firm determination and confidence to win a new, brilliant victory in socialist construction and build their country into a more rich, powerful and beautiful one. We will continue to dash ahead vigorously, giving full rein to Chullima, and will make 1963 a year of new, great victory.

1963 is a very important year in socialist construction in our country. This year we should make full preparations for radically improving the material and cultural living of our people in 1964-1965, further consolidating and developing the enormous successes scored in the conquest of the Six Heights.

The important task facing heavy industry this year is to decisively shore up the mining industry, the first process of production.

By concentrating investment on mining industry, we should further reinforce the technical equipment of all the collieries and mines, increase the production of coal and iron ore and excavate more of non-ferrous metal, rare metal and non-metal ores of all kinds.

We should continuously and powerfully press ahead with the work of adding flesh to the backbone of the already-created heavy industry, normalise production and utilise to the fullest measure the heavy industrial bases we have already created.

In the field of light industry, we should prepare all necessary conditions for turning out 300 million metres of fabrics in 1964, further consolidating the textile height of 250,000,000 metres. We should rearrange the existing raw material bases, normalise

the production of raw materials and direct much efforts to creating new raw material bases. The technical equipment of light industrial factories should be strengthened continuously and the work of mechanising and semi-automising the production processes be energetically pushed ahead at the local industrial factories in particular.

The fishing industry should further raise the proportion of fish in the output of marine products, maintaining the height of 800,000 tons of marine products.

More fishing boats should be built, the level of mechanisation in fishing work be enhanced and the work of processing marine products be strengthened all the more.

In the domain of rural economy, a struggle should be waged for producing three million tons of rice and 200,000 tons of meat in 1964 and turning out more oil-bearing crops and fibre crops needed for the enhancement of the people's living, firmly maintaining the height of five million tons of grain. The irrigation systems should be rearranged and expanded through the continuous undertaking of the nature-remaking work on an extensive scale and the mechanisation and chemicalisation of rural economy be pushed ahead actively. The land arrangement work and land amelioration work should be carried out in a big way, the seed production work be strengthened and all farming technique be developed.

The Fifth Plenum of the Fourth Central Committee of the Party has advanced the basic tasks of the national economy plan for 1963 and clear-cut ways and means for implementing them.

The Seven-Year Plan period is a period for the technical revolution of our country. Unless technique is developed, a prosperous and powerful socialist country can not be built nor can the people's living be improved. The whole Party and entire people must be mobilised in the implementation of technical revolution. We must develop machine-building industry still more, wage technical innovation movement extensively, make use of all machines and equipment in an overall way and must all the more reinforce technical preparation and technical management.

The weighty problem to be concentrically solved this year in the economic field is la-

bour administration. Labour should be rationally allocated, labour organisation further improved, the flow of labour positively prevented and the level of the working people's technique and skill be steadily elevated. Particularly, the labour force in rural areas should be held down, and factories, enterprises and offices should launch an extensive farm-aid campaign for saving labour forces and dispatching them to the countryside.

In the domain of capital construction one should not spread out projects, but build concentrically by focusing forces on important projects and a firm discipline of fulfilling construction plans without fail be established. For this departmentalism should be eliminated, the existing organisational system of construction organs should be rearranged and the dispersed construction organs be organised in accordance with districts so as to use the construction forces concentrically; at the same time undertaking construction in a storm charge fashion or through campaigns should be brought to an end and construction work be fully normalised.

The entire working people should find what is lacking and boldly produce new things, further displaying the revolutionary spirit of self-reliance, powerfully wage the struggle for increased production and economisation, and make continued innovation and uninterrupted advance, courageously breaking through any difficulty and obstacle.

For bringing about fresh upsurge in socialist construction, the work system of Daian, the advantage of which has already been proved in actual life, should be firmly established in all realms, bureaucratism and formalism wiped out and the Chungsan-ri spirit and Chungsan-ri method be thoroughly implemented. In all domains of the national economy, we should strengthen the Party leadership and thoroughly carry through the Party policy, actively bring into play the inexhaustible creative might of the masses, firmly relying upon the revolutionary mass line of the Party, and muster to the maximum all reserves and possibilities of production.

In the light of the present situation in which the aggressive machination of the U.S. imperialists occupying South Korea is

becoming all the more open day by day, we should fortify in every way the defense power of the state for firmly defending the revolutionary gains and for safeguarding peace in Korea.

Our People's Army which inherited the glorious revolutionary tradition of the anti-Japanese armed struggle should be strengthened into invincible armed forces and at the same time a nation-wide defence system should be established. All the Party and the entire people should arm themselves and always maintain a ready, mobilised posture and should turn our whole territory into an impregnable fortress. Holding weapon in one hand and sickle and hammer in the other, our entire Party members and working people should reliably defend all the outposts of the country from the encroachment of the enemies and construct socialism more successfully.

The entire people should be firmly armed with the revolutionary spirit of Marxism-Leninism and the brilliant revolutionary tradition of our Party, slackness and boredom of all hues be rejected and a mode of living in a revolutionary way and working in a revolutionary way be firmly established in every realm. We will continue to fight resolutely against the infiltration of revisionism and other bourgeois ideologies of all shades which paralyse the fighting consciousness of the working people and undermine our revolutionary ranks and should

oppose dogmatism and further firmly establish Jooche in all domains.

Unity is the source of our strength and the decisive guarantee for all victories. We should consolidate still more the kindred ties between the Party and the masses and band the entire people together steel-like around the Party and convert the whole society into a firmly united, big, red family.

1963 will be a year of new, great advance in the fulfilment of the Seven-Year Plan, the grand programme of the socialist construction, and a year of further fortifying like an impregnable fortress the revolutionary base of North Korea politically, ideologically, militarily, economically and culturally.

Our people who have always emerged victorious from all storms under the seasoned leadership of our Party will in the future, too, achieve new, greater victories through vigorous advance, firmly rallying around the Party and upholding the revolutionary banner of Marxism-Leninism.

Greeting the New Year I propose a toast to the happiness of our people and boundless prosperity of our country, to new victory in the struggle of our people for socialist construction and the peaceful unification of the country, to the unbreakable unity of the socialist camp and the victory of Marxism-Leninism and to world peace.